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TO: The Secretary of State
Attention: Mr. Stanley E. Smigel

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: SOCHOKOV, Tacharin To

1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum AMI/56, dated 18 August 1953, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.
2. The files of this office contain the following information concerning the subject of your request.
3. A report dated 28 July 1949 from a usually reliable source indicated that Tacharin SOCHOKOV, a Circassian who was born in the Caucasus in 1928, was married and had two small children. A farmer by occupation, he was employed by the Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC) at the date of the report. During World War II Subject was a captain commanding a tank unit in the Red Army. He was also reported to have held a considerable rank in the Fishkulture, a physical education organization in the USSR. Subject surrendered to the Germans at Minsk in 1951 with his entire command and remained a prisoner for the duration of the war. After the war he lived in various Displaced Persons camps in Austria and Italy. From October 1944 until October 1945 he worked as an Assistant Administrative Officer in the Office of the American Provost Marshall, Headquarters, Rome Area, MECONA, APO 79. At the end of 1946, through the help of the International Refugee Organization (IRO) in Italy, Subject and three hundred other Circassians were sent to Jordan. As the leader of the Circassian group, Subject went to Beirut, Lebanon, in July 1949 to enlist the aid of IRO in resettling his group in South America. Described as intelligent and shrewd, Subject spoke Russian, Circassian, Italian and English. He reportedly detested the Russians and the British but liked the Americans. QINER Pasha once asked Subject to enlist, with all his men, in the Arab Legion to fight against the Jews. Subject refused the offer stating that the war against the Jews was not a part of the Circassian cause. Subject's brother, Mos SOCHOKOV, who was born in 1906, was reported to be with Subject in Jordan. Mos SOCHOKOV left the Caucasus in 1942 arriving in Vienna, Austria, by way of Turkey. He was also married and had his wife, Vera, born 1928, with him in Jordan.

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4. A fairly reliable source stated in a report dated 5 September 1952 that Subject's wife, Bushancho, born in 1925, his son, Kasek, born in 1947, and his daughter, Sarah, born in 1949, also resided in Jordan. The father of Bushancho BOCHOKOV reportedly was returned to the USSR after World War II.

5. In a report dated 14 July 1952 a fairly reliable source stated that Subject, the Transjordan official representative of the North Caucasian National Committee (NCNC) magazine Caucasus, was in contact with GHIBR Pasha, Commander of the Arab Legion, through Isaac CHEDJEL. Source believed that CHEDJEL worked for the British Intelligence Service. Subject reportedly had become fairly influential among the Circassians in Transjordan; however, the KAHANJIAN supported by the HAKYKA family, were bitterly opposed to him. Subject was supported by the influential Abbas Pasha MURSA, Ismail DZIMBEK, and Hafiz Bey MURSA families. Source also stated that Subject was spreading rumors in Amman to the effect that Mahmet HAKYKA was a Communist. Subject strongly criticized HAKYKA for his cooperation with Mrs. SCHAEFFER of the Tolstoy Foundation during her visit to Transjordan. Source indicated that Subject did not seriously consider HAKYKA's Communist but that he circulated the rumor because Mrs. SCHAEFFER did not deal with him.

6. A reliable source stated in a report dated 13 January 1953 that two individuals, Ismail SAMAZON and Haise BOCHOKOV, were authorized by Subject to represent his Circassian group in Germany.

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